

VVA CHAPTER 1 BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 13, 1999
Downtown Has Sole, Rutland

Meeting called to order about 1:15 p.m. Seven board members were present.

President John Bergeron said the chapter had \$4,589.82 in the checking account.

Tomasi's bar in Fair Haven will sell ripoff tickets for the chapter.

Chapter jackets are in.

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Andy Moschetto moved to donate \$300, then amended it to \$500, for the group. Second: Steve Faye. Passed unanimously, with Dick Doyle, a member of Friends of Veterans, abstaining.

Dick Doyle moved to pay the VVA State Council \$100 for membership. Second: Dave Jarvie. Passed unanimously.

The Veterans Picnic this year will be Aug. 14. at the Vermont Veterans Home in Bennington.

The secretary will write letters to the incoming and outgoing mayors of Rutland and to Beth Higgins, who has stepped down as editor of the newsletter, a post she has filled since it began in 1994. A member from Mount Holly has agreed to take over.

Dick Doyle reported membership in the 130s, including 30-40 unpaid memberships up for renewal.

John Miner is a candidate for Region 1 director. The Regional Conference is April 24 at the Veterans Home in Bennington.

VVA will give chapter T-shirts to Fred Hughes and John Burns of CVPS for their help in printing the newsletter.

The chapter color guard is invited to the Brandon parade July 3.

Chapter elections are in April.

The chapter is planning to dedicate the Rutland County Vietnam Veterans Memorial on Memorial Day this year. There was some discussion of the type of event that should be planned. A meeting will be held Wednesday, March 24, at 6 p.m. at Downtown Has Sole to further discuss this. Andy Moschetto will find out what the city's plans are for this day.

Next meeting will be Saturday, April 10 at Downtown Has Sole.

Jack Crowther
Secretary

HIGHLIGHTS OF MARCH 13, 1999, BOARD MEETING

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The chapter is aiming toward this coming Memorial Day for the dedication of the Rutland County Vietnam Veterans Memorial and scheduled a special meeting March 24 to discuss details of the event.